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Revised Deadline for Comments for the Public Review Draft Basin Plan Amendment Staff Report and Technical TMDL for the Control of Salt and Boron Discharges into the San Joaquin River

California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) staff has completed a public review draft amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). As currently proposed, the amendment to the Basin Plan will establish a control program for point and nonpoint source discharges to the San Joaquin River from the Mendota Dam to the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis. The proposed control program is intended to implement a Total Maximum Daily Load and bring the San Joaquin River at the Airport Way Bridge near Vernalis into compliance with the existing salt and boron water quality objectives. A draft of the amendment and supporting staff report are available for public review and comment at:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/Salt_Boron.htm

In response to requests for more time, Regional Board staff will provide a written response to written comments submitted by 20 January 2004. Please email comments to: sjrsalstmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov or mail to (this is a new mailing address for the Regional Board offices, effective 15 December):

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This is an opportunity to provide comments that can be addressed or incorporated in a final draft staff report prepared for the above referenced Basin Plan amendment. There will be an additional opportunity to provide comments on the final draft staff report prior to Regional Board consideration of the proposed Basin Plan Amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please email or phone Eric Oppenheimer at oppenhe@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov or (916) 464-4844 or email or phone Les Grober at groberl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov or (916) 464-4851. Please note that these are new phone numbers effective 15 December.

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